

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from October 2004

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,807

Current number of adults: 56,972

Current number of children: 139,094

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,271

Closures in October:

total closures: 4043

closures for 18 month time limits: 176

closures for sanctions: 672

work-related sanctions: 622

other sanctions: 50

closures for employment: 1120

Time limit closures since Families First started: 10,089

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,952

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$664.05

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$168.78

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.